

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 230

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dock Lillard Richards,  
recipient of the Bronze Star Medal.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee have, throughout the years, been called upon to take up arms against the enemies of this great nation, risking their lives and leaving their loved ones behind to honorably safeguard the freedoms and liberties guaranteed to all citizens of these United States and vanquishing those who threaten our way of life; and

WHEREAS, while the heroic deeds of Tennesseans have been extolled throughout the history of our state and nation, the distinguished military service of each and every proud Tennessean should be illuminated, shared, and properly honored, especially those honorable military veterans who served during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dock Lillard Richards of Grimsley is one such individual who recently received the Bronze Star Medal for his distinguished and meritorious service as a soldier in the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, during his term of service, which lasted from April 3, 1944, to January 29, 1946, Mr. Richards, who held the rank of Staff Sergeant, served with valor and bravery in the Pacific Theater of Operations; and

WHEREAS, in honor of his “exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results, his rapid assessment and solution of numerous problems inherent in a combat environment” which “greatly enhanced the allied effectiveness against a determined and

aggressive enemy,” Mr. Richards was presented the Bronze Star at a special ceremony held during the Fentress County Commission meeting on February 21, 2012; and

WHEREAS, while no offering can properly relay our gratitude for his bravery in the line of fire and his dedication to preserving the blessed freedom that is inseparable from our American heritage and ideals, it is most appropriate that we should honor Dock Richards to the full extent of our ability, as he made untold and innumerable sacrifices to preserve the liberties we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Dock Lillard Richards upon his receipt of the Bronze Star Medal, applaud his military service during World War II, and extend our best wishes for his every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.